

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 5803**
Isao KAKUHARI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003_1330A
Serial No. 10/665,142 : Group Art Unit 2614
Filed September 22, 2003 : Examiner Lun S. Lao
NOISE CONTROL APPARATUS : **Mail Stop: AF**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 8, 2008, Applicants in the above application hereby request reconsideration of the rejections that are contained therein.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Initially, the Examiner rejected claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner stated that "said at least one loudspeaker comprises a plurality of loudspeakers attached to each said at least one housing on the noise propagation side thereof so as to face the external noise source and thereby block the noise propagation path such that noise from the external noise source is radiated into the enclosed space by said plurality of loudspeakers" is unsupported by the specification, because the specification does not indicate how "one loudspeaker comprises a plurality of loudspeakers." In this regard, the Examiner's attention is directed to paragraph 66 of the original specification.

As described beginning in paragraph 66 of the specification, "in Figs. 16 and 17, the cell 20 includes four loudspeakers 1a to 1d." In other words, a cell 20 can include four loudspeakers.